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I.
Organization.

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

Presiding Bishop.

HENRY SPELLMEYER..... Cincinnati, Ohio.

Secretary.

FRANCIS FLORIEN FITCH Marshall, Texas.

Assistant Secretary.

WALTER E. HARRISON Gloster, Miss.

Statistical Secretary.

W. C. MANN Hughes Springs, Texas.

Assistant Statistician.

J. W. HERVEY Auburn, Miss.

Treasurer.

N. H. OLIVER Raymond, La.

Assistant Treasurer.

CORWIN TAYLOR Welsh, La.

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CONFERENCE BOARDS.

Conference Board of Stewards.

C. A. King, F. D. VanValkenburgh, J. T. James, J. W. Lively, W. R. Chase, G. B. Hines, J. R. Basket, H. H. McCain.

Conference Board of Examiners.

J. T. James, F. F. Fitch, W. R. Chase, N. H. Oliver, H. H. McCain, G. B. Hines, A. E. Ryan, and W. E. Harrison.

To Preach the Conference Missionary Sermon.

Francis Florien Fitch.

Alternate, Walter E. Harrison.

Triers of Appeals.

C. A. King, J. W. Lively, J. T. James, G. B. Hines, H. H. McCain.

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1905.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.—F. F. Fitch, G. B. Hines, J. R. Basket.

BOOK CONCERN AND PERIODICALS.—W. E. Harrison, G. B. Hines, D. H. Cassels.

CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.—F. F. Fitch, C. A. King, N. Shows.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS.—J. T. James, W. C. Mann, J. R. Basket, N. H. Oliver, J. W. Paul.

EDUCATION.—F. F. Fitch, N. H. Oliver, A. E. Ryan.

EPISCOPAL FUND.—The Presiding Elders.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.—Corwin Taylor, G. B. Hines, J. A. Christian.

FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION.—C. A. King, J. W. Tinnin, T. F. Swanson.

PUBLIC WORSHIP.—The Pastor and Presiding Elders.

RESOLUTIONS.—G. B. Hines, W. E. Harrison.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—J. W. Hervey, J. R. Basket, W. J. Wood.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.—John H. Paul, Louis May, B. F. Deaton.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL AND TRACTS.—W. C. Mann, B. W. Hugg, William Hervert.

TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION.—J. F. Ragsdale, T. E. Webb, D. H. Cassels.

MISSIONARY CAUSE.—J. T. James, G. B. Hines, J. A. Carruth.

PUBLISHING THE MINUTES.—The Secretaries.

AUDITING THE PRESIDING ELDERS' ACCOUNTS.—B. F. Deaton, D. H. Cassels, T. F. Swanson.

MEMOIRS.—F. D. VanValkenburgh, J. W. LaGrone, R. L. Weldon.

CHRONOLOGICAL ROLL, 1905.

NOTE.—The figures on the left of the name indicate the year of admission into the traveling connection.

YEAR	NAMES	NATIVITY	ADDRESS
1902	<i>Basket, James R.</i>	Tennessee	Jennings, La.
1888	<i>Chase, W. R.</i>	Ohio	1537 Callopie St., New Orleans, La.
1900	<i>Christian, J. A.</i>	Louisiana	Ft. Worth University, Texas.
1904	<i>Coppedge, Isaac J.</i>	Texas	Coffeetown, Texas.
	<i>Crawford, R. L.</i>	Ohio	
	<i>Deaton, B. F.</i>	Tennessee	Iowa, La.
1900	<i>Fitch, F. F.</i>	Ohio	Marshall, Texas.
1902	<i>Harrison, Walter E.</i>	Louisiana	Gloster, Miss.
1903	<i>Hervey, James W.</i>	Texas	Auburn, Miss.
1900	<i>Hines, G. B.</i>	Texas	Lake Charles, La.
	<i>Hickman, M. C.</i>	W. Virginia	Hammond, La.
1902	<i>Hugg, Benn Wynn</i>	New Jersey	LaPorte, Texas.
1898	<i>James, J. T.</i>	Virginia	Hughes Springs, Texas.
1859	<i>King, C. A.</i>	Maine	Lake Charles, La.
1898	<i>Lively, J. W.</i>	Arkansas	Lake Charles, La.
1902	<i>Mann, William C.</i>	Texas	Hughes Springs, Texas.
1900	<i>McCain, H. H.</i>	Louisiana	Hughes Springs, Texas.
	<i>Oliver, N. H.</i>	Pennsylvania	Jennings, La.
1900	<i>Paul, J. W.</i>	Louisiana	Louisville, Ky.
	<i>Robidoux, P. J.</i>	Canada	Crowley, La.
	<i>Ryan, A. E.</i>	Kansas	Port Arthur, Texas.
	<i>Sayers, N. L.</i>	Pennsylvania	Plaquemine, La.
	<i>Tinnin, J. W.</i>	Mississippi	Gulfport, Miss.
	<i>VanValkenburgh, F. D.</i>	New York	New Orleans, La.
	<i>Wilson, T.</i>	Ireland	
	<i>Woodson, J.</i>	Tennessee	Jefferson, Texas.

PROBATIONERS.

SECOND YEAR.

1904	<i>Cassels, Delos H.</i>	Mississippi	Lutcher, La.
1904	<i>Ragsdale, James F.</i>	Texas	Shelbyville, Texas.

FIRST YEAR.

1904	<i>Carruth, John A.</i>	Mississippi	Estherwood, La.
1903	<i>May, Louis</i>	Louisiana	Meridian, Miss.
1904	<i>Smith, Raleigh R.</i>	Texas	Coffeetown, Texas.
1905	<i>LaGrone, Judson W.</i>	Texas	Crowley, La.
1905	<i>Laymance, William</i>	Kentucky	Estherwood, La.
1905	<i>Swanson, Thomas F.</i>	Texas	Troupe, Texas.
1905	<i>Taylor, Corwin</i>	Iowa	Welsh, La.
1905	<i>Webb, Thomas E.</i>	Tennessee	Smithdale, Miss.
1905	<i>Wood, W. James</i>	Mississippi	Red River, La.

HISTORY OF SESSIONS.

GULF MISSION.

YEAR	TIME	PLACE	BISHOP	SECRETARY
1893	January 19.	Jennings, La.	E. G. Andrews	C. K. Woodson.
1894	January 25.	Lake Charles, La....	J. M. Walden	C. K. Woodson.
1895	January 24.	Crowley, La.	Thos. Bowman.....	C. K. Woodson.
1896	January 23.	Jennings, La.	Jas. N. FitzGerald	C. K. Woodson.

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1897	January 21.	Jennings, La.	J. M. Walden	C. K. Woodson.
1898	February 3.	Crowley, La.	W. X. Ninde	C. K. Woodson.
1899	February 2.	Lake Charles, La. .	S. M. Merrill	C. K. Woodson.
1900	February 1.	Marshall, Texas....	I. W. Joyce	L. W. Elkins.
1901	January 17.	Jennings, La.	H. W. Warren	C. W. Campbell.
1902	January 30.	Lake Charles, La. .	C. D. Foss	C. W. Campbell.
1903	February 5.	Port Arthur, Tex...	W. F. Mallalieu....	C. C. Morris.

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1904	February 4.	Hughes Spr'gs Tex.	W. F. Mallalieu....	John Paul.
1905	February 2.	Gloster, Miss.	H. Spellmeyer	F. F. Fitch.

GULF ANNUAL CONFERENCE BOUNDARY.

FROM THE CHURCH DISCIPLINE.

Gulf Conference shall include our white English, Italian, and French speaking work in the State of Louisiana; also that portion of the State of Texas, beginning at Galveston, thence to Ennis, with Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe, and Houston & Texas Central Railways, as the western and southern boundaries, all intermediate points to be in the Austin Conference; from Ennis to Red River, with Texas Midland and Frisco Railways as the boundary, all intermediate points to be in the Gulf Conference; also the work among the white people within the territory of the Mississippi Conference.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM.

TUESDAY.

7.00 P. M.—Song Service and Sermon, Rev. F. F. Fitch.

WEDNESDAY.

Examination of Classes.

7.00 P. M.—Conference Reception.

THURSDAY.

9.00 A. M.—Opening Service. Organization and Business.

2.00 P. M.—Statistical Session.

3.00 P. M.—Missionary Sermon, W. C. Mann.

4.00 P. M.—Pentecostal Service, Evangelist E. S. Dunham.

7.00 P. M.—Song Service, Claude Spindler, Leader.

7.30 P. M.—Sermon, Rev. D. Lee Aultman, Cincinnati, Ohio.

FRIDAY.

8.30 A. M.—Regular Conference Session. First Hour Devotional, Conducted by E. S. Dunham.

3.00 P. M.—Address, J. W. Beeson, Meridian Male College.

4.00 P. M.—Pentecostal Service, E. S. Dunham.

7.00 P. M.—Song Service, Claude Spindler, Leader.

7.30 P. M.—Educational Anniversary. Address by Frank F. Fitch, President Asbury College, Kentucky.

SATURDAY.

8.30 A. M.—Conference Session.

2.00 P. M.—Conference Session.

3.00 P. M.—Woman's Home Missionary Society Anniversary. Addresses by Miss Page and Mrs. I. D. Vannard.

4.00 P. M.—Pentecostal Service, E. S. Dunham.

7.00 P. M.—Song Service, Claude Spindler, Leader.

7.30 P. M.—Address on Deaconess Work, Mrs. I. D. Vannard.

SUNDAY.

9.00 A. M.—Love Feast.

11.00 A. M.—Sermon, Bishop Henry Spellmeyer.

12.00 M. —Ordination of Deacons and Elders.

3.30 P. M.—Pentecostal Service, Rev. E. S. Dunham.

7.00 P. M.—Song Service.

7.15 P. M.—Conference Prayer League, J. T. James.

7.30 P. M.—Sermon, Rev. E. S. Dunham.

MONDAY.

8.30 A. M.—Conference Session.

10.00 A. M.—Reading of the Appointments and Adjournment

3.00 P. M.—Pentecostal Service, E. S. Dunham.

7.00 P. M.—Song Service.

7.30 P. M.—Sermon, Rev. John Paul.

Certificate of Ordination.

This is to Certify, That on the 5th day of February, A. D. 1905, I ordained, under election by the Gulf Conference, the following as DEACONS: Corwin Taylor, Judson W. LaGrone, Thomas Felton Swanson, James Wood, Thomas S. Webb.

And under the same election, and assisted by Elders, the following as ELDERS: Benn Wynn Hugg.

Henry Spellmeyer.

Presiding Bishop.

Done at Gloster, Mississippi.

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION.

GLOSTER, MISS., February 6, 1905.

The Reports and Proceedings herein published, were adopted by the Gulf Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its session held February 2 to 6, 1905, in this city. By the Rules of the Conference, these printed Minutes, together with all the Reports, were made the Official Record of the Proceedings.

Francis Florian Fitch.

Secretary.

II.

Journal of Proceedings.

THE Gulf Annual Conference began its second session on Thursday, 9 A. M., February 2, 1905, at Gloster, Miss., Bishop Henry Spellmeyer in the Chair.

The session was opened with devotional exercises conducted by the Bishop.

The Secretary of the last session of the Conference called the roll, and sixteen members and five from the classes on trial answered to their names.

William R. Chase nominated John Paul, and James R. Basket nominated Frank F. Fitch for Secretary. On motion, a ballot was taken which resulted in the election of Frank F. Fitch. On motion of William R. Chase, the election of Frank F. Fitch was made unanimous. The Secretary appointed W. E. Harrison as his assistant.

On motion of H. H. McCain, W. C. Mann was elected Statistical Secretary. He selected J. W. Hervey as his assistant.

On motion of J. W. Lively, N. H. Oliver was elected Treasurer. He selected Corwin Taylor as his assistant.

John Paul was appointed Reporter for the *Central Christian Advocate*, James R. Basket for the *New Orleans Picayune*, and J. W. Tinnin for the *Times-Democrat*.

On motion, the Bar of the Conference was fixed at the north side of the third row of windows from the front of the auditorium.

On motion, time of opening the morning session was fixed at 8.30 and time of closing was fixed at 11.45; the first hour to be a devotional service conducted by Rev. E. S. Dunham, of Delaware, Ohio.

H. H. McCain read the list of Standing Committees, which, on motion, was adopted.

Visitors were introduced as follows: Rev. E. S. Dunham, evangelist, Delaware, Ohio; J. W. Beeson, President of Meridian

Female College; Rev. Daniel Hayes, Lake Charles, La.; Rev. C. N. Guice, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Gloster, Miss.; Mrs. Ida D. Vennard, Epworth Evangelistic Institute, St. Louis, Mo.; Miss Eliza Page, Woman's Home Missionary Society, New Orleans, La.

On motion, Felton Swanson was appointed Conference Postmaster.

On motion, N. L. Sayers was appointed Railway Commissioner for the Conference.

On motion, the members of the Conference were instructed to add to their Treasurer's Report the amounts paid to Conference Claimants and to the Episcopal Fund.

THE THIRTEENTH QUESTION was called: "*Was the character of each preacher examined in open Conference?*" and the Presiding Elders, J. W. Lively, William R. Chase, and H. H. McCain, were called, their characters passed, and they reported their districts.

The roll of Effective Elders was then called, their characters passed, and their reports received.

On motion, a regular Conference session was ordered to be held at 2 P. M. for the purpose of receiving the statistical reports. The Bishop appointed Dr. C. A. King to preside at this session.

Announcements were made, the doxology sung, and after the benediction by J. W. Lively, Conference adjourned by expiration of the time.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 2 P. M., February 2, 1905.

The Conference opened at the appointed hour, Dr. C. A. King presiding by appointment of the Bishop. After a song and a prayer, the roll was called by the Secretary and the members responded with their statistical reports.

There being no further business, Conference, on motion, adjourned.

FRIDAY, 8.30 A. M., February 3, 1905.

The Conference met at the appointed hour. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. E. S. Dunham. At 9.30 the Bishop

took the Chair and called for the reading of the Journal of the previous sessions.

The Journal was approved.

THE THIRTEENTH QUESTION was resumed, and the names of the remaining effective elders called, their characters passed, and their reports received.

Visitors were introduced as follows: Dr. B. F. Jones, Presiding Elder Methodist Episcopal Church, South; Rev. W. H. Sanders, Natchez, Miss., Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

QUESTION FIVE was called: "*Who have been continued on trial?*" first in Studies of the First Year, and Delos H. Cassels and James F. Ragsdale were called, their characters passed, they reported their work, and the Examining Committee reporting favorably, they were advanced to the Class of the Second Year.

John A. Carruth, Raleigh R. Smith, and Lewis May were called, their characters passed, their work reported, and they were continued in Studies of the First Year.

QUESTION EIGHT was called: "*What members are in Studies of the Third Year?*" and William C. Mann, Walter E. Harrison, James R. Basket, and Isaiah P. Coppedge were called, their characters passed, and the Examining Committee reporting favorably, they were advanced to the Class of the Fourth Year.

Benn W. Hugg, a Probationer of the Third Year, was called, his character passed, his work reported, and the Examining Committee reporting favorably, he was advanced to the Class of the Fourth Year.

QUESTION TEN was called: "*What members are in Studies of the Fourth Year?*" and James A. Christian was called, his character passed, his work reported, and the Examining Committee reporting favorably, he was elected to Elder's Orders.

Dr. D. Lee Aultman, Field Agent of the Book Concern, Cincinnati, Ohio, was introduced to the Conference, and spoke in behalf of the publishing interests of the Church.

The Bishop presented drafts from the Book Concern for \$138 and from the Chartered Fund for \$22, which, on motion, were ordered paid to Dr. C. A. King.

On motion, Walter E. Harrison was appointed to obtain list of Sunday-school Superintendents to be published in the Minutes.

On motion, the Presiding Elders were appointed a Committee on Episcopal Fund.

Announcements were made, the doxology sung, and the session adjourned with the benediction by William R. Chase.

SATURDAY MORNING, 8.30, February 4, 1905.

Conference met at the appointed hour. Devotional services were conducted by E. S. Dunham.

At 9.30 the Bishop took the Chair and called for the reading of the Journal, which, after reading, was approved.

The following persons were introduced to the Conference as candidates for admission on trial: Thomas E. Webb, Thomas Felton Swanson, James Wood, Corwin Taylor, Judson W. LaGrone, and William M. Laymance.

QUESTION FOUR was called: "*Who have been received on trial?*" and Thomas E. Webb, Thomas Felton Swanson, James Wood, Corwin Taylor, Judson W. LaGrone, and William M. Laymance and Amedeo Riggio, the Examining Committee and Presiding Elders making favorable reports, were admitted on trial and advanced to Studies of the First Year.

QUESTION TWELVE was called: "*What others have been elected and ordained Elders?*" and Benn Wynn Hugg being duly recommended from the Quarterly Conference, and having passed the required examinations, was elected to Elder's Orders as a Local Deacon.

QUESTION ELEVEN was called: "*What others have been elected and ordained Deacons?*" and Corwin Taylor, Judson W. LaGrone, Thomas Felton Swanson, James Wood, and Thomas E. Webb, having been duly recommended from the Quarterly Conferences, were elected to Deacons' Orders under the Missionary Rule.

QUESTION SEVEN was called: "*Who have been admitted into full membership?*" and J. W. Hervey and B. W. Hugg, having passed the required examinations, their character being passed and their

work reported, they were, on motion, admitted into full membership in the Conference, both being in Deacons' Orders.

QUESTION NINE was called: "*What members are in Studies of the Fourth Year?*" and Benn Wynn Hugg, his character being passed, his work reported, and the Examining Committee reporting favorably, was advanced to the Class of the Fourth Year.

QUESTION EIGHT was called: "*What members are in Studies of the Third Year?*" and J. W. Hervey, his character being passed and work reported, having passed the required examination, was, on motion, advanced to the Third Year.

QUESTION TWENTY-THREE was called: "*Who are the superannuate preachers?*" and F. D. VanValkenburgh and Julian Woodson were called, their characters passed, and were continued in the relation.

QUESTION TWENTY-TWO was called: "*Who are the supernumerary preachers?*" and Thomas Wilson was called and his character passed.

J. W. Tinnin was called, his character passed, and on motion, he was changed to the effective relation.

QUESTION FOURTEEN was called: "*Who have been transferred, and to what Conferences?*" and the Bishop announced the following transfers:

A. T. MacFarland, to the Arkansas Conference.

C. W. Campbell, to the Arkansas Conference.

H. R. Osborne, to the Missouri Conference.

The Bishop appointed as TRIERS OF APPEALS C. A. King, J. W. Lively, J. T. James, G. B. Hines, H. H. McCain.

The Bishop appointed the BOARD OF EXAMINERS for the coming quadrennium as follows: J. T. James, F. F. Fitch, W. R. Chase, N. H. Oliver, H. H. McCain, G. B. Hines, A. E. Ryan, and W. E. Harrison.

G. B. Hines introduced a resolution on Meridian Male College, which was, on motion, adopted. See Resolution.

G. B. Hines introduced a resolution on "Thanks," which was, on motion, adopted. See Resolution.

J. W. Lively introduced a resolution on Changing the Time of Holding the Conference, which was, on motion, adopted. See Resolution.

J. W. Lively introduced a resolution on Preparing a History of the St. Charles Avenue Methodist Church, New Orleans, which was, on motion, adopted. See Resolution.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to send a copy of the resolution on changing the time of holding the Conference to Bishop Walden, Secretary of the Board of Bishops.

The Bishop appointed Frank F. Fitch to preach the missionary sermon next year, with Walter E. Harrison as alternate.

QUESTION THIRTY was called: "*Where shall the next Conference be held?*" and Welsh, La., having given a cordial invitation, was unanimously selected as the place.

On motion, N. L. Sayers was made a Committee to Equalize Railway Expenses of the preachers who attended Conference.

On motion, the case of M. C. Hickman was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Visitors were introduced as follows: Dr. George MacAdam, of Ft. Worth University, Ft. Worth, Texas; and Professor George M. Rider, of Meridian Male College.

On motion, a Conference session was ordered held at 2 P. M.

After singing the doxology, and benediction by Dr. MacAdam, Conference adjourned by reason of expiration of the time.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 2 P. M., February 4, 1905.

Conference met at the appointed hour, Dr. C. A. King presiding by appointment of the Bishop. After song and prayer, the Secretary received subscriptions for publishing the Minutes.

The following Committees presented their Reports, which were adopted as read:

"Sabbath Observance," by James R. Basket; see Report.

"Missions," by J. T. James; see Report.

"Temperance," by J. F. Ragsdale; see Report.

"State of the Church," by John Paul; see Report.

"Auditing Committee," by B. F. Deaton; see Report.

"Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education," by C. A. King; see Report.

"Periodicals and Book Concern," by W. E. Harrison; see Report.

The Secretary read the Annual Report of the Book Concern, and was authorized, by motion, to insert a summary of the Report in the above Committee Report.

Visitors were introduced as follows: R. J. Kelley, Ruskin Cave College, Tennessee; Mrs. Ida D. Vannard, St. Louis, Mo., addressed the Conference in the interests of the Deaconess Work of the Church

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized to take out of the Treasurer's funds a sufficient amount to cover cost of transmitting the money to New York City.

On motion, Conference adjourned.

MONDAY, 8.30 A. M., February 6, 1905.

Conference met at the appointed hour. The opening devotional services were conducted by E. S. Dunham.

At 9 o'clock the Bishop took the Chair and called for the reading of the Journal of Saturday's sessions. The Journal, after reading, was approved.

QUESTION TWENTY-ONE was called: "*What other personal notation should be made?*" and the Elder's Orders of W. L. M. Stevens, an Elder from the Congregational Methodist Church, on motion of Dr. H. H. McCain, were recognized.

Reports were received from the following Committees, and adopted as read:

"Education," by A. E. Ryan; see Report.

"Sunday-schools," by B. W. Hugg; see Report.

"Church Extension," by F. F. Fitch; see Report.

"Board of Stewards," by C. A. King; see Report.

"Resolutions," by G. B. Hines; see Report.

"On Prison Sunday," by F. F. Fitch; see Report.

The Bishop then called C. A. King to the Chair to preside over the Conference while he retired to hold a brief session with the Cabinet.

The report of the Secretary of the Committee of the Gulf Conference Board of Stewards was read by G. B. Hines, and adopted as read. See Report.

Report of the Committee on Epworth Leagues was read by Corwin Taylor, and adopted.

Announcement was made of the meeting of the Lake Charles District League at Lake Charles in May.

The report of the Committee on Conference Relations in the case of M. C. Hickman was received, his character was passed, and his report received.

On motion, the Journal of the Conference was adopted as the Official Record of the Proceedings of this Session.

The missionary appropriations were read by William R. Chase.

On motion, the Statistical Secretary and the Treasurer were allowed to file their reports with the Conference Secretary for publication in the Official Record.

The Journal was read and approved.

On motion of Frank F. Fitch, the Conference voted to adjourn after the reading of the appointments. The Bishop then read the appointments and the Conference was adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Spellmeyer.

Henry Spellmeyer.

President.

Francis Florian Fitch.

Secretary.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

QUESTION 1ST. *Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conferences?*

None.

QUESTION 2D. *Who have been re-admitted?*

None.

QUESTION 3RD. *Who have been received on credentials, and from what Conferences?*

None.

QUESTION 4TH. *Who have been received on Trial?*

a. In Studies of the First Year?

Thomas E. Webb, Thomas Felton Swanson, James Wood,
Corwin Taylor, Judson W. LaGrone, Amedeo Riggio, William M. Laymance.

b. In Studies of the Third Year?

None.

QUESTION 5TH. *Who have been continued on Trial?*

a. In the Studies of the First Year?

John A. Carruth, Raleigh R. Smith, Louis May.

b. In the Studies of the Second Year?

Delos H. Cassels, James F. Ragsdale.

c. In the Studies of the Third Year?

None.

d. In the Studies of the Fourth Year?

None.

QUESTION 6TH. *Who have been Discontinued?*

None.

QUESTION 7TH. *Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?*

a. Elected and Ordained Deacons this year?

None.

b. Elected and Ordained Deacons previously?

James W. Hervey, Benn Wynn Hugg.

QUESTION 8TH. *What members are in Studies of the Third Year?*

a. Admitted into Full Membership this year?

James W. Hervey.

b. Admitted into Full Membership previously?

None.

QUESTION 9TH. *What members are in Studies of the Fourth Year?*

Isaac J. Coppedge, William C. Mann, Walter E. Harrison, James R. Basket, Benn Wynn Hugg.

QUESTION 10TH. *What members have completed the Conference Course of Study?*

a. Elected to Elder's Orders this year?

James A. Christian.

b. Elected and Ordained Elders previously?

None.

QUESTION 11TH. *What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?*

a. As Local Preachers?

None.

b. Under the Missionary Rule?

Corwin Taylor, Judson W. LaGrone, Thomas F. Swanson, James Wood, Thomas E. Webb.

QUESTION 12TH. *What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?*

a. As Local Deacons?

Benn Wynn Hugg.

QUESTION 13TH. *Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?*

This was carefully done in open Conference.

QUESTION 14TH. *Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?*

A. MacFarland, to the Arkansas Conference; C. W. Campbell, to the Arkansas Conference; H. R. Osborne, to the Missouri Conference.

QUESTION 15TH. *Who have died?*

None.

QUESTION 16TH. *Who have been located at their own request?*

None.

QUESTION 17TH. *Who have been located?*

None.

QUESTION 18TH. *Who have Withdrawn?*

None.

QUESTION 19TH. *Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?*

None.

QUESTION 20TH. *Who have been Expelled?*

None.

QUESTION 21ST. *What other Personal Notation should be made?*

The Elder's Orders of W. L. M. Stevens, an Elder from the Congregational Methodist Church, on motion of Dr. H. H. McCain, were recognized.

QUESTION 22D. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

Thomas Wilson.

QUESTION 23RD. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

F. D. VanValkenburgh, Julian Woodson.

QUESTION 24TH. *Who are the Triers of Appeals?*

C. A. King, G. B. Hines, J. W. Lively, H. H. McCain, J. T. James.

QUESTION 25TH. *What is the Statistical Report for this Year?*

	ANSWER	INCREASE	DECREASE
Number of Probationers.....	342		26
Number of Full Members.....	2,892	70	
Number of Local Preachers.....	57	5	
Number of Deaths of Members.....	28	1	
Children Baptized.....	178	35	
Adults Baptized.....	101		68
Number of Sunday-schools.....	59	9	
Total Officers and Teachers.....	390	62	
Number of Members in Home Department.....	42		
Total of all Scholars.....	3,005	528	
Average Attendance of all Scholars.....	1,870	292	
Officers and Teachers, Church Members or Probationers.....	335	48	
Number of Scholars who are Church Members.....	1,192	83	
Number of Conversions.....	405	59	
Current Expenses of Schools this year.....	\$985	\$91	
Number of Churches.....	43	4	
Probable Value of same.....	\$108,530	\$8,093	
Number of Parsonages.....	17	3	
Probable Value of same.....	\$14,640	\$540	
Paid on Building and Improving Church Property.....	\$6,625		\$3,266
Paid on old Indebtedness of same.....	\$2,215	\$1,142	
Present Indebtedness of same.....	\$7,991	\$501	
Claims for Pastors' Support: Salary.....	\$10,205		\$189
House Rent.....	\$1,819	\$243	
Total.....	\$12,024	54	
Paid on same.....	\$8,781	\$36	
Deficiencies.....	\$1,597	\$724	
Support of Presiding Elders.....	\$1,087	\$82	
Paid.....	\$1,053	\$77	
Conference Claimants: Collection.....	\$83		\$9
Other Sources.....	\$2		\$1
Total paid.....	\$85		\$10
Total paid Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops.....	\$12,426	\$106	
Current Expenses for Churches.....	\$1,165		\$285
Collected for Missions: Church.....	\$1,914	\$197	
Sunday-schools.....	\$275	\$62	
Special Gifts.....	\$728	\$728	
Totals.....	\$2,917	\$987	
Church Extension Collections.....	\$410	\$203	
Sunday-school Union Collections.....	\$28		
Tract Cause.....	\$22		\$2
Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education, Education: Public Collection.....	\$40		\$9
Children's Day.....	\$22		\$1
American Bible Society.....	\$31	\$11	
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.....	\$35	\$11	
Woman's Home Missionary Society.....	\$4		\$29
Other Collections.....	\$220		\$96
Paid for Support of Bishops.....	\$96		\$12
Collected for General Conference Expenses.....	\$86	\$5	
	\$7		\$10

QUESTION 26TH. *What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?*

\$3,832.

QUESTION 27TH. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*
\$175.

QUESTION 28TH. *What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?*

\$254.15. Paid to Conference Claimants, \$175; paid to Permanent Fund, \$79.15; total paid out, \$254.15.

QUESTION 29TH. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?*
See List of Appointments.

QUESTION 30TH. *Where shall the next Conference be held?*
Welsh, Louisiana.

APPOINTMENTS.

MARSHALL DISTRICT.

H. H. McCain, Presiding Elder.

P. O. Hughes Springs, Texas.

Athens, Texas.....Supplied by M. A. Farr.
Beckville, Texas.....Supplied by John W. Oliver.
Hughes Springs, Texas.....*William C. Mann.*
Hunt and Emory, Texas.....Supplied by Russell T. Pynes.
Longstreet, La.....Supplied by C. H. LaGrone.
Marshall, Texas.....Frank F. Fitch.
Noonday and Coffeeville, Texas.....*Raleigh R. Smith.*
Provencal, La.....Supplied by Newsom T. Shows.
Red River, La.....*James Wood.*
Saline, La.....To be supplied.
St. Maurice, La.....To be supplied.
Shelbyville, Texas.....*James F. Ragsdale.*
Terrell, Texas.....To be supplied.
Troupe and Overton, Texas.....*Thomas F. Swanson.*
Vivian, La.....Supplied by Alexander McDow.
Winnsboro and Hopkins, Texas.....Supplied by W. S. Timmons.

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT.

J. W. Lively, Presiding Elder.

Lake Charles, La.

Beaumont, Texas.....To be supplied.
Cameron, La.....B. F. Deaton.
Crowley, La.....*Judson W. LaGrone.*
Ebenezer, La.....Supplied by William Hebert.
Estherwood and Gueydan, La.....*John A. Carruth.*
Evangeline, La.....To be supplied.
French Mission, La.....To be supplied.
High Island, Texas.....To be supplied.
Iowa and Belle City, La.....To be supplied.
Jennings, La.....*James R. Basket.*
Lake Charles, La.....G. B. Hines.
La Porte and Texas City, Texas.....*Benn W. Hugg.*
Oakdale Mission, La.....C. A. King (P. O. Lake Charles, La.).
Port Arthur, Texas.....E. A. Ryan.
Prairie Hayes, La.....P. J. Robidoux.
Raymond, La.....N. H. Oliver.
Vernon, La.....Supplied by J. A. Stokes.
Welsh, La.....*Corvin Taylor.*
Woodville, La.....Supplied by R. L. Weldon.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

WILLIAM R. CHASE, Presiding Elder.

1537 Calliope Street, New Orleans, La.

Auburn, Miss.....	<i>James W. Hervey.</i>
Bayou Chene, La.....	<i>N. L. Sayers.</i>
Garden City, Miss.....	Supplied by C. V. Wilkinson.
Gloster, Miss.....	<i>Walter E. Harrison.</i>
Gulfport, Miss.....	<i>J. W. Tinnin.</i>
Hammond, La.....	<i>M. C. Hickman.</i>
Livonia, La.....	Supplied by J. A. Martine.
Lutcher, Miss.....	<i>Delos H. Cassels.</i>
Meridian, Miss.....	<i>Louis May.</i>
New Orleans, La.....	<i>W. R. CHASE.</i>
Italian Mission, New Orleans, La.....	<i>Amedeo Riggio.</i>
Poland, La.....	To be supplied.
Smithdale, Miss.....	<i>Thomas E. Webb.</i>

J. W. Paul, Conference Evangelist, member of Gloster (Miss.) Quarterly Conference.

J. T. James, Conference Evangelist, member of Hughes Springs Quarterly Conference.

James A. Christian, left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

LOCAL PREACHERS.

Black, J. M.....	Hallville, Texas.
Bridges, Arthur.....	Chapman, Texas.
Bruce, G. W. (L. D.).....	Provencal, La.
Carruth, S. E.....	Auburn, Miss.
Carruth, H. L.....	Auburn, Miss.
Coppedge, G. R.....	Coffeetown, Texas.
Dewitt, Wilfred.....	Lake Charles, La.
Elliott, Cuthbert.....	Lufkin, Texas.
Edwards, S. W. (L. D.).....	Cardenas, Cuba.
Ellis, James (L. D.).....	Welsh, La.
Faulk, J. W.....	Ebenezer, La.
Faulk, Henry.....	Ebenezer, La.
Faulk, Houghton.....	Ebenezer, La.
Germany, R. Z.....	Brookhaven, Miss.
Germany, Hugh.....	M. M. College, Meridian, Miss.
Guess, C. M.....	New Iberia, La.
Hall, F. R.....	2022 Magazine St., New Orleans, La.
Langley, D. L.....	Beckville, Texas.
Luneau, D.....	Centerpoint, La.
Matirne, J. A.....	Rosedale, La.
Orcutt, J. C.....	New Orleans, La.
Palmisano, A.....	Corner Liberty and Julia Sts., New Orleans, La.
Petty, Sam. F.....	Harleton, Texas.
Sharfenstein, J. F.....	New Orleans, La.
Shows, N. T.....	Poland, La.
Walker, J. H.....	Pollock, La.
Welden, R. L.....	Raymond, La.
Wilkinson, C. V.....	Gloster, Miss.

Bertha C. Fitch, Secretary Woman's Home Missionary Society, Marshall Texas.

III.

Directory.

BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

NAME.	BORN.	ENTERED MINISTRY.		Consecrated Bishop...	RESIDENCE.
		CONFERENCE.	Yr.		
Thomas Bowman.....	July 15, 1817	Baltimore.....	1839	1872	East Orange, N. J.
Stephen Mason Merrill.....	Sept. 16, 1825	Ohio.....	1846	1872	Chicago, Ill.
Edward Gayer Andrews.....	Aug. 7, 1825	Oneida.....	1848	1872	New York, N. Y.
Henry White Warren.....	Jan. 4, 1831	New England.....	1855	1880	Univer'y Park, Colo.
Cyrus David Foss.....	Jan. 17, 1834	New York.....	1857	1880	Philadelphia, Pa.
John Morgan Walden.....	Feb. 11, 1831	Cincinnati.....	1858	1884	Cincinnati, O.
Willard Francis Mallalieu.....	Dec. 11, 1828	New England.....	1858	1884	Auburndale, Mass.
Charles Henry Fowler.....	Aug. 11, 1837	Rock River.....	1861	1884	New York, N. Y.
John Heyl Vincent.....	Feb. 23, 1832	New Jersey.....	1853	1888	Indianapolis, Ind.
James Newbury FitzGerald.....	July 27, 1837	Newark.....	1862	1888	St. Louis, Mo.
Isaac Wilson Joyce.....	Oct. 11, 1836	N. W. Indiana.....	1859	1888	Minneapolis, Minn.
Daniel Ayres Goodsell.....	Nov. 5, 1840	N. Y. East.....	1859	1888	Boston, Mass.
*James Mills Thoburn.....	Mar. 7, 1836	Pittsburg.....	1858	1888	Bombay, India.
Charles C. McCabe.....	Oct. 11, 1836	Ohio.....	1860	1896	Philadelphia, Pa.
Earl Cranston.....	June 27, 1840	Ohio.....	1867	1896	Washington, D. C.
*Joseph C. Hartzell.....	June 1, 1842	Illinois.....	1867	1896	Funchal, Madeiral Isl.
*Frank W. Warne.....	Dec. 31, 1854	Ontario.....	1874	1900	Lucknow, India.
David H. Moore.....	Sept. 4, 1837	Ohio.....	1860	1900	Portland, Ore.
John W. Hamilton.....	Mar. 18, 1845	Pittsburg.....	1856	1900	San Francisco, Cal.
Joseph F. Berry.....	May 1856	Detroit.....	1874	1904	Buffalo, N. Y.
Henry Spellmeyer.....	1847	Newark.....	1870	1904	Cincinnati, O.
William F. McDowell.....	Feb. 4, 1858	North Ohio.....	1882	1904	Chicago, Ill.
James W. Bashford.....	May 25, 1849	New Eng. S'th'n.....	1883	1904	Shanghai, China.
William Burt.....	Oct. 22, 1852	N. Y. East.....	1881	1904	Zurich, Switzerl'd.
Luther B. Wilson.....	1856	Baltimore.....	1878	1904	Chattanooga, Tenn.
Thomas B. Neely.....	1841	Philadelphia.....	1865	1904	Buenos Ayres, S. A.
*Isaiah B. Scott.....	1855	Tennessee.....	1880	1904	Monrovia, Liberia.
*William F. Oldham.....	Dec. 15, 1850	Michigan.....	1883	1904	Singapore, Str's Set.
*John E. Robinson.....	1849	South India.....	1874	1904	Calcutta, India
*Merriman C. Harris.....	1846	Japan.....	1873	1904	Tokio, Japan.

*Missionary Bishops.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

Abercrombie, Thos.....	Leggett, Texas.
Andrews, L. C.....	Gulfport, Miss.
Bradford, Miss Amelia.....	Hammond, La.
Cassell, John W.....	Gloster, Miss.
Dean, E. J.....	Dickey, Miss.
De Lord, Oscar.....	Bayou Chene, La.
Derouen, L.....	Bell City, La.
Dickard, F. E.....	Jefferson, Texas.
Elliot, Cuthbert.....	Lufkin, Texas.

Ellington, W. D.....	Shelbyville, Texas.
Findley, Mrs. A. J.....	Iowa, La.
Faulk, Henry.....	Ebenezer, La.
Greenlease, William, Sr.....	LaPorte, Texas.
Gaskins, E. J.....	Rosedale, Texas.
Gerald, E. W.....	Smithdale, Miss.
Hughes, J. G.....	St. Maurice, La.
Hogaboom, R. A.....	Port Arthur, Texas.
Hoyt, W. M.....	Estherwood, La.
Hughes, Enos.....	Shelbyville, Texas.
Hackett, A. L.....	Cameron, La.
Holland, M.....	Grand Lake, La.
Hill, W. C.....	Jefferson, Texas.
Jones, Mrs. P. H.....	Lutcher, La.
Johnson, J. A.....	Vincent, La.
Jones, Henry E.....	Harleton, Texas.
Jaenke, Frank R.....	Jennings, La.
Kenna, J. M.....	Auburn, Miss.
Kenna, Hunter.....	Summit, Miss.
King, Mrs. J. D.....	Natalbany, La.
LaGrone, J. W.....	509 Avenue G, Crowley, La.
Martin, Wm.....	Goldonna, La.
McNeil, John.....	Central Point, La.
Newman, E. A.....	Texas City, Texas.
Ritter, Miss Alta.....	Raymond, La.
Royal, Wm. G.....	E. Bowie Street, Marshall Texas.
Robertson, John.....	Bayou Chene, La.
Richard, Miss Mary.....	Ebenezer, La.
Stokes, J. A.....	Schley, La.
Schofenstein, J. F.....	3219 Burgundy Street, New Orleans, La.
Taylor, T. T.....	Common Street, Lake Charles, La.
Verrett, Leslie.....	Melville, La.
Weldon, A. J.....	Provencal, La.
Wisdom, Robt.....	Montgomery, La.
Willard, E. C.....	Welsh, La.
Williams, J. A.....	Poland, La.

IV.

Conference Studies.

a. BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

J. T. James, Chairman; F. F. Fitch, Registrar; W. R. Chase, N. H. Oliver, H. H. McCain, A. E. Ryan, G. B. Hines, W. E. Harrison.

b. ASSIGNMENT OF BOOKS, ETC.

J. T. James: "Wesley, the Methodist;" Kern, "Homiletics;" Jevons, "Logic;" Ladd, "Psychology;" Fisher, "Grounds of Theistic Belief."

F. F. Fitch: Banks, "Christian Doctrine;" Harmon, "Introduction;" Harmon, "Introduction;" Terry, "Hermeneutics;" Essay.

W. R. Chase: Discipline; Miley, "Theology;" Miley, "Theology;" Sermon; Syllabi.

N. H. Oliver: English Branches; Syllabi; Fisher, "History," I and II; Hurst, "Church History," II.

H. H. McCain: Sermon; Syllabi; Syllabi; Butler, "Analogy."

A. E. Ryan: Syllabi; Essay; Stewart, "Land of Israel;" Smyth, "Ethics."

G. B. Hines: Blaikie, "Bible History;" Sermon; Green, "History of English People;" Hurst, "Church History," I; Fisher, "History," III.

W. E. Harrison: Wesley, "Plain Account;" Montgomery, "American History."

c. LOCAL DEACONS' ORDERS.

J. T. James: All the local preachers' course for the first year.

G. B. Hines: All the local preachers' course for the second year.

N. H. Oliver: All the local preachers' course for the third year.

F. F. Fitch: All the local preachers' course for the fourth year.

d.—LOCAL ELDERS' ORDERS.

F. F. Fitch: "Manual of Christian Doctrine," J. S. Banks.

J. T. James: "Homiletics," Kern.

H. H. McCain: "Life and Epistles of St. Paul," Coneybeare and Howson.

Note.—Undergraduates will send all written work, sermons, essays, and syllabi to their respective Examiners (not to the Registrar) at least two weeks before the next session of the Conference.

e.—RULES FOR EXAMINATIONS.

1. Lists of Questions shall be prepared by each Examiner and indorsed with the Title of the Text-book, and the name and address of the Examiner, and sent to the Registrar for filing.

2. The maximum number of questions shall be twenty, the minimum, ten.

3. Each Examiner shall retain one copy of his own questions.

4. At all examinations the paper used shall be of letter size (8x10 about) and of good quality.

5. The answers given shall be folded, indorsed with the writer's name, Title of Book, and address of student.

6. Each Examiner shall send grades promptly to the Registrar and to the student.

7. The attention of all students is called to Paragraph 63, Sections 1 and 3, on page 431 of the Discipline of 1904.

PLAN OF EXAMINATIONS.

EXAMINER	ADMISSION	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR	FOURTH YEAR
1 James, J. T.	Wesley-Methodist	Kern	Jevons...	Ladd	Fisher, "F."..
2 Fitch, F. F.	Banks	Harmon	Harmon	Terry	Essay.....
3 Chase, W. R.	Discipline...	Miley	Miley	Sermon	Syllabi
4 Oliver, N. H.	Eng. Branches ..	.....	Syllabi ..	Fisher, I, II..	Hurst, II.....
5 McCain, H. H.	Sermon	Syllabi.....	.....	Syllabi	Butler
6 Ryan, A. E.	Syllabi .....	.....	Essay.....	Stewart	Smyth
7 Hines, G. B.	Blakie	Sermon.....	Green.....	Hurst	Fisher, III....
8 Harrison, W. E.	"Plain Account,"	Montgomery	.....	.....	.....

F. F. FITCH, Registrar.

J. T. JAMES, Chairman.

V.

Reports.

A.

PRESIDING ELDERS.

MARSHALL DISTRICT.

H. H. McCain, Presiding Elder.

It is a pleasant duty that is incumbent upon me at this time, to make to you this my report of the work of the Marshall District for the Conference year now closing. The pleasure of this duty can not well be expressed, in view of Bishop Mallalieu's confidence and action in placing one of your number, so young in the ministry, into this responsible office; and of you, my brethren, for your personal affection, help, and encouragement in my work. This has brought to me a sense of unworthiness and keenness of responsibility, that I now confess to you. Continually through the year I have enjoyed the constant presence, help, and blessing of God on my heart and work.

It is with praise and gratitude to God that we are able to report very distinct advances along nearly every line of work, on nearly every charge on the District. Several charges were left by Bishop Mallalieu to be supplied, viz.: Shelbyville, Longstreet, Athens, Linden, Red River, and Terrell. Shelbyville was supplied by T. E. Webb, a student of Meridian Male College; Longstreet, by M. A. Farr; Athens, by H. P. Hughes; Red River, by James Wood; all local preachers. Linden was added to Hughes Springs and supplied by J. A. Christian; Terrell, only, being left without supply, except for two visits and work that I did myself. This was occasioned because of the peculiar conditions, demanding a particular kind of work and workman, with adequate means to sustain him; neither man nor means being at hand. Thus the entire District has been covered, supplying the needs of our own flock and carrying the message of salvation to many other hearts and outlying districts, again proving the wisdom of our itinerant economy in effectually reaching all of our own communion, helping others, and seeking to save the lost.

I speak to the glory of God,—as faithful band of workmen as ever drew sword for truth and proclaimed deliverance to the captive spirits of men, now join you in greeting from the Marshall District for another year of Conference, then to return to their appointed fields to labor for the success of the kingdom committed to our beloved Methodism. Noting specifically the work of the year, we are glad to report a gracious revival on every charge and in nearly every Church. Great camp-meetings dot the country, offering a golden opportunity for salvation work to all of our people, that we are quick to use; whose zeal will carry us to courthouses, schoolhouses, brush arbors, and the open air, that the lost might be saved, and the Church planted. Tak-

ing this broad view of our activities, and variety of our work, it has a far-reaching application and gracious result. More than 1,500 people have bowed at our altars. Of these about 615 have professed saving faith in Christ, and 145 the blessing of entire sanctification.

The spiritual state of our people has improved some as a whole, and their loyalty to Methodist experience, doctrines, usage, and spirit can not be doubted. This is proven by their response to the calls of the Church for the support of the ministry, its various benevolences, and evangelical activity; and even this in the face of their poverty in many cases, with heavy claims upon them to provide houses of worship and homes for their pastors.

Some deficits will be shown in some of the benevolences and collections, but this can be accounted for because of the great drop in the price of cotton, our money crop, and this coming, too, just at the time when most of these collections were being gathered in. However, substantial gains will be reported, and the missionary collection will more than double. Here I want to record that this good result was made possible by the missionary itinerary of Dr. E. B. Caldwell, who was able to give me several appointments on the District. The missionary spirit of the Church is growing at a rapid rate, and I predict even greater results by far in the future. This is a great land, and ours is a great work. Success, sure and substantial, is coming to us. The time is transitional and epochal. Now is the time to strike so as to be with the advance on all lines.

Numerically, we have added of full members and probationers, 307, which is a good increase, considering the difficulties, that I will mention as the general spirit of intolerance in the country towards our Church, and that the increase must come, as a rule, from adult converts. It is noteworthy, too, that many of those that join our Church seem to be moved directly by the Holy Spirit to take this step. The great disparity between the number of conversions and accessions to the Church is accounted for in the fact of our widespread evangelical activity,—doing not only our own work, but proving a help and a blessing to other communions. It is true that our influence for good, and the leavening power of our Church in the land, is much out of proportion to our numerical and financial strength.

Materially, we have gone forward at quite a rapid rate, securing church lots, building churches and parsonages. The property value on the District will show an increase of \$1,183 for the year. This is a good showing, and will continue, as several improvements are contemplated, as well as church buildings. Three plain, but comfortable, parsonages have been completed to where they can be occupied—at Poland, Beckville, and on Shelby Charges. In the way of church buildings, we now have completed a nice new church at Atlanta, Texas, at a cost of \$1,500. This was a great victory for the Church and pastor, as all who know the conditions will testify. Under Brother Christian's wise and aggressive leadership, they were led to victory in the face of great difficulties. Provencal (La.) Church have purchased and paid for a good lot, with a school building, that when completed and repaired will prove adequate to their needs. This charge also has in view other advances in the way of church buildings another year. Brother Ragsdale has wrought well. On the Beckville Charge, at Chapman, we are now building a nice new chapel that will be sufficient for their needs, and prove a boon and blessing to that people. Winnsboro (Texas) Charge, at Cypress, is now building a new chapel also. This Church was brought into being, and is now soon to move into a new home, under the faithful services of Rev. John W. Oliver. Daingerfield, a nice, coming town, and an appointment on the Hughes Springs Charge, is also to have a new church at a cost of \$1,500, the building

of which is just beginning. This enterprise is made possible by that generous and energetic layman, J. G. Hussey. He will build half of the church himself. Such energy and religion is the glory of Methodism.

In the way of debt paying, we want to make special mention of the Marshall Church, under the wise and strong leadership of the pastor, Rev. F. F. Fitch. He will give us in detail the forward move of this Church on this, as well as all other lines. His executive ability is just what is needed at Marshall.

In closing, I want to say the work has been pleasant, though laborious at times; the brethren helpful, faithful, and considerate, and God has been most gracious to us in all of our field. Many things I might say as to our conditions here in the South, that I will leave off, as I am not sure of the wisdom of that course. But I will say that I never have been surer of the position that I have always taken, that our Church has a distinct mission in the South,—that it is providential, and that God is using it as a great leaven in building up His kingdom, and adjusting differences, clearing the social, religious, and political atmosphere of certain miasma that blocked progress. The man and Church with a mission,—Methodism in its doctrinal, organic, institutional, vigorous, aggressive, virile, soul-saving, and sanctifying form, is the need. This will bring results that will be a surprise to us, and confound the enemy. This we have, in part. May the God of all grace help us yet more.

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT.

J. W. LIVELY, Presiding Elder.

The Lake Charles District has made substantial gains. We have had in nearly every charge a revival. Our pastors have been faithful and true, and the Word of God, as preached by them, has been honored by the great Head of the Church. We truly believe that very many in our section have leadings for a better and holier life. This is especially marked among the young people.

In a material sense we have been paying off old debts and adjusting matters of property in the different charges of the District. Debt is one of the greatest demoralizers of human character, either in the individual, or collective. Our people need to shun such entanglements and be sure they have a probability of paying before embarrassing contracts are made.

Upon the whole, the year has been a good one, and the outlook is bright for the coming Conference year. To God the all Father, we commit this great work, and the men to whom he hath called as his workman in this special field.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

WM. R. CHASE, Presiding Elder.

As a preface to my annual report, I desire to acknowledge God for His goodness. I thank Him for His watch care over us during the year. No serious sickness, no deaths have marked our year. We have had good crops, peace and quietness and prosperity at His hand. I look back and personally see cause for nothing but gratitude. Wherever I have gone, kindness and hospitality have been accorded me. For this I thank God and His good people.

Territory.—The New Orleans District covers thirty-seven counties in Mississippi, the southern half of the State, and twenty-seven parishes in Southeastern Louisiana.

Religious Character.—The parish territory and the coast line of Mississippi is chiefly Romanist, with some Mohammedans, Greek Catholics, and Hebrews. Back from the coast of Mississippi, as is the case in North Louisiana, the population is Protestant. Here the Methodist and Baptist denominations prevail.

Our Work.—We work among the French, the Italian, and English-speaking white people. We have no work among the Negroes. Grand River Circuit, our French work, is in a region which is a series of inland islands carved out by a network of bays, lakes, bayous, and streams that go to make the Achafalaya River. These islands run from a few acres to miles in area. N. L. Sayers is the pastor in charge. He is the pathfinder and organizer of this new and some ways remarkable work. Many of these people, who knew nothing of any form of religion but the Romanist, have, thank God, been converted at our altars there. Our account at present is sixty-four full members and forty-seven probationers. Two church buildings are on the work and another in process of erection. The Thousand Islands of the St. Lawrence have a strong competitor in these ten thousands of the Atchafalaya.

Italian work, Amedeo Riggio (supply). This work, for reasons, has never been very successful. We have, in the past, had even more figures to report than we now have. But whether more real work or not, I doubt. The property which we have (it is in New Orleans) is for sale. No meetings have been held in it for some months. Since last July we have been running a mission in a rented room downtown. Here a Sunday-school of some thirty children has been gathered up. Also a sewing class has been formed. Preaching services are held three nights in the week. Brother Riggio has left us, having been called to New York. A strong, steady evangelistic man of deep piety and wide experience, with a burning love for souls, I am confident, in spite of our small success in the past here, can and would win many stars out of these Italian heavens.

English Work.—Auburn and Smithdale, Miss., W. C. Mann, P. C. This is our oldest work in the State. It was organized in the fall of 1900. We started with some fifty members, and two unfinished church buildings. We now have over two hundred members, five societies, three church buildings, two building lots, ten preaching places, and all the surrounding country asking for our preachers to come and hold meetings. In June we held our Ministerial Association at Auburn. In August a very successful camp-meeting was held at the same place. Camp Peniel, at this place, now has the most commodious and best tabernacle in the Southwest.

Garden City, Miss., Delos Cassels (P. C.). This work was organized in the closing months of last year. It was to a great extent a trial appointment. The work during the year has proved a success. One church has been built to be used as a union chapel. At the close of the year we have three classes, six preaching places, and thirty members.

Gloster, Miss., Jno. T. James (P. C.). This work was organized in November, 1902, with fifty members and one society. We now have one hundred and forty-four members and two societies. A special feature of the work here this year has been the collection of missionary money by the little ones. They collected seventy-eight dollars for the Missionary Society.

Gloster Circuit, Miss., C. V. Wilkinson (supply). That neglected neighborhoods that had no preaching might have, this work was made. It was vague as to boundaries, but not as to needs. The people needed

the Gospel and ten places were furnished preaching, that otherwise would not had it.

Gulfport, Miss., J. W. Tinnin (supply). This class was organized in April, 1904. It has been supplied but part of the year. However, a good Sunday-school has been maintained throughout and some added to the class. We have a good building lot, donated us, in this growing, deep-sea port town. The outlook here is most excellent. The town is being carved out of the woods, has now several important industries, some six thousand people, is the deep-sea terminal of the G. & S. I. Ry., and the county seat has been moved here. At present we meet in a tabernacle built for our use by one of our members.

Hammond, La., J. D. Pointer (supply). This place is the Brooklyn of the South, having nine churches for its sixteen hundred population. We were among the first on the ground. As to Methodism, the first. This year a new society has been organized at Natalbany, where the Mill Company has fitted up us a good hall. Our year at this point has been very successful.

Lutcher, La., Wm. Hebert (supply). Our Church in this mill town is the only Protestant beacon for ninety miles on the east bank of the Mississippi River. That is, from New Orleans to Baton Rouge, there is no other Protestant Church on this side of the river. While this is pure missionary territory, our outlook has never been brighter here than at present. Until the population changes our membership will probably remain small, but the work of salvation great. Energetic revivalistic preaching will win many souls here, but, at the same time, few permanent members.

Livonia, La., has had a checkered career this year, and has practically nothing to report.

Lockhart, Miss., Louis May (P. C.). This is a nominal work and gives our brother a chance to attend school. He has, during the year, organized a class at Meridian.

St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, W. E. Harrison (P. C.). We have held our own here this year, as in the past, and am glad to say that at the close of the year had a good meeting, with seven additions. This Church is still recognized as the salvation center of New Orleans. Our congregations are small, but when compared with our neighbors, the comparison is not unfavorable. We have the best prayer-meetings of the city, maintain a class-meeting throughout the year, and our Sunday-school work has been successful.

Labor.—There have been 1,623 sermons preached by our pastors this year; there have been 321 sermons preached by our local preachers; there have been 170 sermons by evangelists; there have been 22 sermons by exhorters; there have been 170 sermons by the Presiding Elder. The total number of visits reported for the year are 2,750.

Results.—Two new church buildings, a third completed, and one tabernacle, two building lots. Seven classes and five Sunday-schools have been organized. Over nine hundred have bowed at our altars. Three hundred and forty-five have professed conversion, and about one hundred sanctification. Right at two hundred have joined us. Then from the work in India, which we support, over 1,000 conversions are reported.

Our Needs.—As a rule, we need a native ministry, born on the ground, educated on the ground, that have always lived here, and always expect to. We need more money. For rice? No, for men, men such as those before you, who are every one of them every inch a man.

Let me give you some figures of our work that will dispel all thoughts of rice. Counting all the money put in by our Church in Mississippi, and then the returns to the Church, and the gain on the investment is 425 per cent. You see we are not asking for favors

when we ask for money. And in this reckoning nothing has been said of the more than 400 members.

The opportunity for great returns has never been greater anywhere in our world-wide parish than it is in this great Southwest right now. Given means and men, and our Methodism will not only build up and be strong here, but as elsewhere the work of God in all the Churches will increase, and prosperity be theirs as well as ours.

Rev. Jno. Paul, who was granted the relation of Conference Evangelist at our last session, and was also elected Assistant Editor of the "Pentecostal Herald," has done some work in the field this year, and that very successful. He will spend more of his time in the field this year.

Rev. F. D. VanValkenburgh, who was given superannuated relation at our last session, has preached a number of times for the brethren. His presence among us has always been pleasant.

BOOK CONCERN AND PERIODICALS

We recognize the importance of book concerns and periodicals in the work of the Church. They are the most effective means of spreading the Gospel and of educating the people. The Board of Church Extension has therefore taken special interest in this matter. It has secured the services of a competent agent to visit the various churches and to see that they are supplied with the necessary books and periodicals. It has also taken steps to secure the best possible prices for these materials. The Board is confident that these measures will result in a more widespread distribution of the Word of God and in a more thorough education of the people.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION

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COMMITTEES.

THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

The American Bible Society is the strong right arm of all missionary work. It is essential to permanency in evangelizing the world. During the last year this Society passed through a serious crisis. Its finances had so declined that the Finance Committee of the Board reported in favor of a cut of fifty per cent in its work. This would have been disastrous to the missionary work of all the Churches of the world. Only extraordinary efforts for special gifts saved the day for the present year. This Society must depend upon its regular sources of income. Only large increase in regular contributions can save the Society from such curtailment of its work as will seriously cripple our widespread missionary work.

In view of the vast and vital work of the American Bible Society, and especially in view of its urgent needs, we present for adoption the following:

Resolved, That we have unqualified confidence in the American Bible Society, and heartily recommend it to the liberal support of the people.

F. F. Fitch, Chairman.

J. R. Basket, Secretary.

BOOK CONCERN AND PERIODICALS.

We recognize the excellency of our periodicals, and recognize the great worth of them in our homes. We especially urge our preachers and people to purchase their books and other literature from our Publishing-house, for they can be obtained as cheaply here as anywhere. We recommend that our Hymnal be used in Church and Sunday-school. We would call especial attention to the "Central Christian Advocate," and to the "Sunday-school Journal," than which, there are no better published. If any member of the Gulf Conference does not feel able to subscribe to more than one or two periodicals, let him leave off the secular and independent papers and take our standards. Experience has shown that the wise distribution of tracts has been a means of grace to many poor saints and a power of conviction to the sinner. We, therefore, recommend that our pastors order and give away a large amount of them this year.

W. E. Harrison, Chairman.

D. H. Cassels, Secretary.

G. B. Hines.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

The work done by the Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church speaks for itself. The Board and the Church at large are to be congratulated on their unparalleled success.

From 1866, the beginning of their work, to November 1, 1903, the Board collected and disbursed \$8,051,231.50. The purpose of the Board

is to aid by gifts or loans, or both, in the erection of church buildings. During the years of its activities, the Board has helped over 13,500 Churches; in several instances these church buildings lie within the bounds of our own Conference. Our white Conferences have received aid for 1,700 Churches. A permanent Church home is an absolute necessity to permanent success in establishing the Master's kingdom. Such a home is almost as necessary for a Church as for a family. Therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That we, as a Conference, will not be content with anything less than a full response to the call of the General Committee until all the people in our land shall be furnished with places of worship.

2. That each pastor send to the Board of Church Extension, at 1026 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa., for facts relating to the work, and for the free maps for Sunday-schools and Epworth Leagues, so as to get before the people the information needed. We believe that an intelligent presentation of the cause to our people will loosen the purse strings and swell their offerings.

3. That since the General Committee have appropriated \$1,600 to our work on condition that we raise, by collections, \$500, every pastor be urged to raise his full apportionment for this Conference year, and have the same paid to the Board before October 31, 1905, at which time their fiscal year ends.

4. That we as a Conference arrange with Dr. C. A. King, Secretary of our Conference Board of Church Extension, an itinerary of the several districts and charges to help us bring about a revival of interest and support along these lines.

F. F. Fitch, Chairman.

C. A. King, Secretary.

N. Shows.

EDUCATION.

We most heartily commend the excellent work for higher Christian education which is being accomplished for the Church through the Board of Education. We especially approve the emphasis laid upon educational excellence and genuine spirituality as the true ideal for our schools. We note with satisfaction the report of special gifts to the Board of Education, and unreservedly commend it to the liberality of our people, particularly those who are able to make large gifts.

We urge that Children's Day be observed and a collection be taken in every charge according to the Discipline. It is not "Flag Sunday," nor "Flower Sunday," nor any festival of the sort. It is the day when the doors of the Christian College should be made to open wide for the Christian youth. Let it be so observed!

During the past year the Board aided students who gave their home residence, or Church relationship, as within the bounds of our Conference, to the number of two, and to the amount of \$125. The contributions of our Conference received by the Board for the last year were \$59. Our Minutes show a large number of charges not contributing to this fund.

We commend the officers of the Board for their energy in collecting loans, and we urge all beneficiaries within our Conference to make as prompt payment as possible. We commend the "Christian Student" to all our people.

We call upon our people to give liberally of their wealth that our institutions shall everywhere be equal to the best. We call upon our

institutions everywhere to fulfill their high and important ministry in behalf of the Church. We call upon the preachers to redouble their activities in a united effort to send the young people of our Church to our own institutions of learning.

We call upon parents to consecrate their children to Christ and His service, and to give them the best education as a preparation for that service. And we call upon our young men and women to give themselves fully to Christ for salvation and service, and to seek in a Christian college the highest training for the greatest usefulness. Our Church needs a thousand new men each year for the ministry alone. The Head of the Church is calling for the best.

Ft. Worth University.—We witness with delight the all-round prosperity of Ft. Worth University, especially the financial advance and the increase of students. In this, President MacAdam is to be recognized as the chief spirit. We are in hearty sympathy with this, the only school of our Church in all the great Southland, and would urge all our young men to seek its doors and prepare themselves well for years of usefulness as ministers of our Church.

Resolved, That we, as a Conference, heartily endorse and urge all our people, as far as possible, to send their children to Ft. Worth University, knowing that they will be well cared for, mentally and spiritually. And further, be it

Resolved, That we invite Dr. MacAdam to all our charges during the year to address us on the subject of "Higher Education," and that we help him to secure as many students for this institution as possible.

Asbury College.—We wish to acknowledge the honors conferred on this Conference by electing Brother Frank F. Fitch to the Presidency of the Asbury College.

Resolved, That we extend to them our cordial good will and heartily endorse the work of this Christian school, and congratulate the institution on securing so able and energetic a man as its executive.

Theological Schools.—*Resolved*, That we hereby express our sympathy with the fullest educational preparation of our young men for the ministry, and with the maintenance of our Theological Schools, and we respectfully urge our Bishops to exercise great care in their oversight of these schools, in order that the doctrines of the Bible, and of the Gospel of Christ, may be maintained in their purity and integrity.

N. H. Oliver, Chairman.

A. E. Ryan, Secretary.

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATION.

Believing that a more loyal field of Methodists can not be found, one more in sympathy with our work of establishing Missions in foreign fields, and one where no greater sacrifices for the cause have ever been made than within the past year within the Conference, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the needs of our Conference be brought prayerfully before the Missionary Committee, and that they be urged by all possible means to double our missionary appropriations for the coming year.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the Presiding Elders' accounts and find them correct. We have also examined the accounts of the Conference Secretary and find them correct.

B. F. Deaton, Chairman.

T. F. Swanson.

BOARD OF STEWARDS.

The Conference Board of Stewards met in regular session in Lake Charles, La., Friday, January 6, 1905. Rev. C. A. King was nominated as President and Treasurer, and the pastor of Lake Charles as Secretary, subject to the election of the Conference. The Board then adjourned.

W. P. Deems, Ed Cline, G. B. Woolman, C. E. Scott were nominated as directors.
C. A. King, President.
G. B. Hines, Secretary.

MISSIONS.

The Gulf Conference can lift up its head on Missions. We stand first in all our Conferences in raising money for Jesus and Missions. One of our charges gave this year four dollars per capita, the beautiful little Church at Welsh, La. What an age this is when our Father has so opened heathen fields we can save souls by fives and tens and hundreds at a distance of five, eight, and ten thousand miles away. About five dollars is the average cost of converting a heathen soul. Never so precious a value to money. One silver dollar will keep a Chinaman at a Christian Mission fifty days, he being able to live on two cents' worth of rice. Never such a time for great investment in heathen lands. We endorse the great missionary work of the Church and urge every Church to raise the largest amount possible for this glorious cause.

J. T. James, Chairman.

G. B. Hines.

J. A. Carruth.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The importance of the Epworth League in training our young people for efficient work in the Church has been fully demonstrated in the past. Let every pastor emphasize the importance of this movement and wherever possible organize such societies.

Corwin Taylor, Chairman.

G. B. Hines, Secretary.

FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION.

The Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society is the Methodist Episcopal Church organized and moving for the uplifting and education of the colored people of the South, and also the white people of the South who may need assistance.

To accomplish these purposes she has planted in this Southland twenty-five institutions of learning, universities, colleges, seminaries, and academies for the colored people, and nearly as many more for white people at a cost of about \$3,000,000.

These schools are training teachers, doctors, ministers, and high-grade workmen for the various industries of our Church and country, to the number of more than ten thousand at the present time.

To do this work the Church is expending more than \$100,000 per year. In 1904 the amount was \$118,000. To secure these funds collections are taken through the whole Church. Each Conference, district, and pastoral charge is asked to pay its proportion of this amount.

Gulf Conference is asked to raise the coming year one hundred dollars, and the Secretaries of the Society desire that this sum be apportioned to the pastoral charges of the Conference.

We, your Committee, recommend that such action be taken, and urge the brethren to use their best endeavors to bring up the full amount.

C. A. King, Chairman.

J. W. Tinnin.

T. F. Swanson.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the Gulf Conference extends to Bishop Henry Spellmeyer its sincere thanks for his wise, Christian administration of the business, and his deep and painstaking interest in our work, and his unwavering confidence in the future of the Gulf Conference.

Resolved, That this Conference thank the pastors of the Churches, the "Gloster Record" and its editor, the mayor, and citizens in general, especially the homes that have so hospitably entertained us, that we thank the people who were to entertain, but who were hindered by sickness, and extend to them our Christian sympathy.

Resolved, That since the Gulf Conference is a rapidly growing Conference and soon to pass into the records of our great Church as a historic field, and since the early data of our work is valuable and likely to be lost, and since the St. Charles Avenue Church is the beginning and nucleus of our work in the State of Louisiana, therefore we ask that the Rev. William R. Chase and John Paul and Walter R. Harrison be appointed a Committee to gather, formulate, and put in clear and permanent form the early history, the manner of organization, and the requisite data of this old Church.

J. W. Lively.

C. A. King.

WHEREAS, The time for holding the sessions of our Gulf Conference is just at the most unfavorable time of the year, thereby causing great trouble and inconvenience, and in many cases suffering, therefore,

Resolved, That we ask that our Conference be placed among the Fall Conferences and our sessions be held not later than December 15th.

J. W. Lively.

C. A. King.

WHEREAS, J. W. and M. A. Beeson, Presidents of the Meridian Male and Female Colleges, have manifested much interest in the young people of our Conference, and have made sacrifices to educate them, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the preachers of the Gulf Conference extend to them every courtesy in their efforts toward the education of our young people.

G. B. Hines.

J. W. Paul.

WHEREAS, Criminology is one of the fundamental elements of the social problem, and whereas the National Prison Congress has requested all congregations to observe the last Sunday in October as "Prison Sunday," therefore, be it

Resolved, That we will observe this day for this purpose as far as practicable.

F. F. Fitch.

W. E. Harrison.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

One of the commands of the Decalogue is "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." How many people about us who come under our observation as preachers in the Gulf Conference, and some of them our adherents, who break this blessed commandment. God is a just God and also a jealous God, and will visit the iniquity of the father upon the children unto the third and fourth generation. Sabbath desecration keeps people away from our Church services and wields an influence over our boys and girls that is destructive in its effect. Now, in view of this fact, be it

Resolved, That we, as pastors of this Conference, do our best both by precept and example to turn this tide of Sabbath breaking, that our hearts, homes, and Churches may receive the greatest blessing from the Lord.

J. W. Hervey, Chairman.

J. R. Basket.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

We rejoice to observe a good degree of spiritual progress among the people of our Conference. We are aware that, since in all things the law of cause and effect has its operation, certain causes lie back of this gracious condition of things in the Church. While we are encouraged, we would not be so optimistic as to overlook the fact that in many instances there is a great lack on spiritual lines, and hence plenty of room for progress. We would therefore urge that, as a condition to this end, in addition to the definite and vigorous preaching of a full Gospel, the grand old system of classes and class-meetings be inaugurated on every side, and that in every society a division be made into wieldy classes, placed under the subpastoral oversight of the most spiritual and gifted leaders.

We would recommend also that in order to a deep and substantial type of experimental religion, the following things be seen to by our pastors; namely: That the people be introduced to suitable books and other genuine Methodist literature, and led to cultivate a habit of reading. That in our direct work of leading souls to a profession of salvation through Christ we do thorough work, laying down the conditions plainly. That our people be taught a graceful and true loyalty to the Church. That from their words and conduct, but from their innermost souls be expunged any spirit of prejudice towards other denominations. That prayerful steps be taken to introduce, not only a faithful support of Missions, but a plan of systematic and more liberal support, whereby our pastors shall be able, without temporal hamperings and financial embarrassment, to devote themselves to building up the Kingdom of God. In order to this it is well understood that Stewards must be selected with care and that a diligent co-operation of pastors and stewards is necessary, if we would have a marked improvement.

John Paul, Chairman.

G. F. Deaton.

Louis May.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL AND TRACTS.

Recognizing the fact that the hope of the Church is in the Sunday-school, and that which affects the latter also affects the former, therefore, we recommend that our Sunday-school Boards take the greatest care in selecting the literature for their schools. We believe that

there are no better publications than those produced by our own Book Concern, and we regard it as little less than Church disloyalty that any of our schools should permit our own Sunday-school supplies to be displaced by those of any other publisher.

We also recommend (1) that every pastor should send for a copy of the report of the Tract Society and for the catalogue of its publications, which may be had free of cost; (2) that in all our Churches the collection for this Society be taken and an earnest effort be made to increase the contributions for this cause; (3) that the pastors take thought concerning the uses to which they can put tracts in their work.

W. C. Mann, Chairman.

B. W. Hugg.

W. B. Hebert.

TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION.

We, the preachers of the Gulf Conference, want to put ourselves on record as the open and avowed enemies of intemperance in every form, and in view of the great evil of intemperance we believe it the duty of every pastor of the Gulf Conference to preach once in the year definitely on the evils of intemperance, to lift up their voices like a trumpet and give no uncertain sound on this great evil.

The liquor traffic, with its accompanying evils, such as the tobacco habit, cigarette, theater, dancing parties, etc., has proven also to be a traffic in the souls of our boys and girls, and is a subtle enemy of the Church, home, and State. We rejoice in the marked advance of temperance made in the South, and are determined never to "let up" until this, the greatest of curses, is driven from our midst, God being our helper.

J. F. Ragsdale, Chairman.

D. H. Cassels.

T. E. Webb.

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT.

The District.....	\$375	Polk	100
Beaumont	150	Raymond	100
Cameron	150	Vernon	50
Crowley	100	Woodville	100
Ebenezer	60	French Mission.....	125
Estherwood	80	Supt. French Mission.....	25
Iowa and Bell City.....	100		
LaPorte	100	Total	\$1,615

MARSHALL DISTRICT.

The District	\$400	Red River	80
Athens	80	St. Maurice	70
Beckville	120	Hunt and Emory.....	80
Terrell	60	Vivian	80
Hughes Springs	100	Winnsboro	140
Longstreet	60	Troupe	100
Marshall	200		
Saline	70	Total	\$1,740
Provencal	100		

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT:

The District	\$250	Lutcher	60
Auburn	100	Poland	100
Bayou Chene	200	St. Charles Avenue.....	300
Garden City	40	Italian Work, at the dis-	
Gloster	100	posal of the Bishop.....	300
Gulfport	300		
Hammond	60	Total	\$1,810

CONFERENCE BOARD OF STEWARDS.

The amounts received from the several sources are as follows:

From the Chartered Fund.....	\$22 00
From the Book Concern Dividends.....	138 00
From the Pastoral Charges.....	77 00
From Interest on Permanent Fund.....	17 15
Total	\$254 15

This has been disbursed to the several Claimants as follows:

To Julian Woodson.....	\$75 00
To F. D. VanValkenburgh.....	50 00
To B. F. Deaton.....	30 00
To Mrs. P. J. Cheney.....	20 00
Total	\$175 00
To the Permanent Fund.....	79 15
Total disbursed.....	\$254 15

STATISTICS NOS. I AND IV.—GULF CONFERENCE, for 1904.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISM.		CHURCH PROPERTY.				MISSIONS.				BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																	
	No. of Probationers....	No. of Full Members..	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. Children Baptized	No. of Adults Baptized	No. of Churches.....	Probable Value.....	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value.....	Paid for Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property	Present Indebtedness on Church Property	(a) Church	(b) Sunday-school	(c) Special Gifts ...	Total	Board of Ch. Extension	Sunday-school Union: (a) Church	Sunday-school Union: (b) Sunday-school.....	Tract Society.....	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Ed. Society	Public Collection..	Children's Fund...	Educ'n.	American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Miss'y Society: Cash.....	Woman's Home Miss'y Society: Supplies.....	Total Other Benevolent Collections	Gen. Conf. Expenses...	
<i>Marshall District.</i>																																
Athens.....	4	61	4	2	2	3	2	\$500	1	\$200	\$430		\$5		\$10																	
Beckville.....	30	70	2	3	3	5	3	3100	1	800	1520	\$23	957		6	\$20																
Hughes Springs.....	8	32	3	1	6	3	2	1000			75				7	10																
Hunt and Emory.....	17	108	2	1	8	3	2								17	10																
Jefferson and Noonday.....	13	69	1	1	11	4	1	7000	1	1200	32	1622	2450		5	25																
Longstreet.....	18	70			9	2	1	800	1	190					12																	
Marshall.....	19		1		2	2	1								12																	
Poland.....															5																	
Red River.....															20																	
St. Maurice.....	4	95	3	3	23	2	2	400		100					30	186																
Shelby.....	10	84	2	2	4	2	2	1600	1	200					12	19																
Shelbyville.....		115	4	1	5	2	2	3800	1	800	150		220		30	23																
Terrell.....															2																	
Vivian.....	8	53	1		8										2																	
Winnaboro.....	4	56	2		3	2	2	1680		820					35																	
Total.....	130	996	28	16	75	24	17	19880	6	3390	3127	1045	3232	263	263	55	264	612	110	9	10	15	7	155	48							
<i>New Orleans District.</i>																																
Auburn and Smithdale.....	18	184	6		10	15	3	3250	1	600	1010		207		101	11	226	388	15	1	3	5										
Garden City.....	2	26	2		5										2																	
Gloster.....	22	127	3												78	78	45	201	9	1	1	1										
Grand River.....	58	74			27	13	2	1200		363			50		20	35	55															
Gloster Circuit.....															9																	
Gulf Port.....	6	14			1	5									20	35	55															
Hannond.....	12	34	1	1	2	2	1	1500	1	1200					53	9																
Irvinia.....																																
Lockhart.....																																
Lutcher.....	16	25													7	13	5	25	10	1	2											
New Orleans.....		1	13												3																	
St. Charles Ave.....	6	66	3	1	6			47500	1	10					800	11	30	341	20	1	1	5										
Total.....	141	594	16	2	46	40	9	60450	3	1800	1873		1007		573	122	341	1086	65	6	2	4	16	3	2	11						

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STATISTICS NOS. II AND III.—GULF CONFERENCE, for 1904.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	NAMES OF PASTORS.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.				SUPPORT OF PR. ELDS.	SUPPORT OF BISHOPS.	CONF. CLAIM-ANTS.			CUR'NT EXPENS.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.								
		CLAIMS.		RECEIPTS.				Total	Other Sources	From Collections		No. of Members in Home Department...	No. Officers & Teachers who are Church Mems. or Probat'ners	No. Scholars, whether Attend'ts or Mems. in Home Dept. who are Mems. or Probat'ners	No. of Members of S. S. Converted during the year.....	Current Expenses				
		Salary	House Rent	Total	House Rent												Salary	Deficiencies		
Marshall District.																				
Athens.....	H. P. Hughes.....	\$160	\$120	\$280	\$94	\$10	\$10	\$104			1	5	35	20			3	15	15	\$2
Beckville.....	R. R. Smith.....	175	112	287	148	20	21	169			2	8	25	15			12	100	20	45
Hughes Springs.....	J. A. Christian.....	395	120	515	320	30	30	450	\$3		3	15	175	90			12	100	20	45
Hunt and Emory.....	Archie Tharp.....	80	25	105	60	25	17	85	4		3	21	131	90			20	53	18	20
Jefferson and Noonday.....	Felton Swanson.....	210	60	270	179	60	23	239	4		1	15	160	85			15	44	17	15
Longstreet.....	M. A. Farr.....	100	60	160	89	20	19	109	5		1	15	160	85			15	44	17	15
Marshall.....	F. F. Fitch.....	600	150	750	700	60	60	915	5		2	10	80	35			3	15	100	3
Poland.....	Newsom Shows.....	155		155	180	25	15	145												
Red River.....	St. Maurice.....	350	120	470	226	120	30	346	2		4	12	100	70			12	60	50	8
Shelby.....	W. S. Timmons.....	150	36	186	125	36	20	161	2		2	15	50	30			15	3	15	8
Shelbyville.....	T. E. Webb.....	300	84	384	300	40	40	424	25		2	18	180	65			13	110	9	37
Terrell.....	A. McDow.....	80		80	98	20	18	102	1		2	10	25	15			10	16	4	
Vivian.....	J. W. Oliver.....	105		105	170	20	20	190												
Winnboro.....																				
Total.....		2830	607	3437	2632	607	3229	3908	148	179	23	127	1024	566		110	400	134	236	
New Orleans District.																				
Auburn and Smithdale.....	W. C. Mann.....	450	60	510	450	45	45	559	6		4	26	155	105			26	116	25	20
Garden City.....	D. H. Cassells.....	300		300	20	15	15	35			3	10	75				25	25	15	
Gloster Circuit.....	John T. James.....	300		300	350	38	38	392	9		1	7	100	50			5	75		
Gloster Circuit.....	C. V. Wilkinson.....																			
Grand River.....	N. L. Savers.....				60	12	12	73			3	8	96	90			8	96	90	
Gulf Port.....	J. W. Tinnin.....				25	26	26	499			1	4	50	40			4	20	10	
Hammond.....	J. D. Pointer.....	350	120	470	350	26	26	499			2	8	70	48			5	15	12	22
Livonia.....																				
Lockhart.....	Louis May.....																			
Lutcher.....	Wm. Hebert.....		96	96	405	96	501	523												
New Orleans.....	Amedeo Riggio.....					3	3	134			1	4	33	25			3	5	30	6
St. Charles Ave.....	W. E. Harrison.....	300	96	396	277	96	373	418			1	12	50	44			11	7	7	50
Total.....		1400	372	1772	1037	372	2909	23	394	135	17	83	680	497		70	359	134	153	

Lake Charles District.

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NAMES OF CHARGES.	Missionary Society.		Church Extension.		Sunday-school Union.		Tract Society.		Fre'dmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.		EDUCATION.			
	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	Cash	Voucher	(a) Public Education Collection.	(b) Children's Fund.	Cash	Voucher
MARSHALL DISTRICT.														
Athens.....	\$10		\$5											
Beckville.....	6		10											
Hopkins.....	10	\$119	5	\$20	\$2		\$2		\$5					\$2
Hugh Springs.....	5		8											
Hunt and Emory.....	12	15		10	1		1							3
Jefferson and Noonday.....														
Linden.....														
Longstreet.....	1	5	7											
Marshall.....	1	104	2			\$2		\$2	2					3
Poland.....	12													
Red River.....														
St. Maurice.....	146	60	15		1		1		2					
Shelby.....	12		10		1		1							
Shelbyville.....	53		20		2				5					
Terrell.....														
Vivian.....	2		1				1		1					
Winnsboro.....	10	25	2											
Total.....	279	333	80	10	7	2	8	2	15					8
NEW ORLEANS DIST.														
Auburn and Smithdale.....	55	283	15		1		1		3		\$2			
Garden City.....		2	2	2	1					1				
Gloster.....	5	196	9		1				1					
Gloster Circuit.....														
Grand River.....	4	51			2									
Gulf Port.....	9													
Hammond.....	12	50	7		1		1		5					
Livonia.....														
Lockhart.....														
Lutcher.....		25		10		1		1		\$2				
New Orleans: St. Charles Ave.....	53	288	20		1		1		5				\$2	
Italian Mission.....		3												
Total.....	138	898	53	12	7	1	3	1	14	2	3			2
LAKE CHARLES DIST.														
Angelina.....														
Beaumont.....														
Crowley.....	40		30		2		1							2
Ebenezer.....	3	61		15	2					5				
Estherwood and Gueydan.....	55	5	20		1		1							8
French Mission.....	20		12		1		1		3					
High Island.....														
Iowa.....	40		10		1		1		2					
Jennings.....	342		14							4			2	7
Kinder.....	10		30		1		1							
Lake Charles.....	35	225	40				2							
Laporte and Texas City.....	20	5	3								\$3			
Polk.....	5		3											
Port Arthur.....	21	29	5		2		1		2		2			2
Raymond.....	28		8						2					
Rorke.....														
Welsh.....	226	74	30		2					5				
Woodville.....	25		15											
Oakdale.....														
Total.....	870	398	220	15	10		8		9		16	3	11	10
Marshall District.....	279	333	80	10	7	2	8	2	15					8
New Orleans District.....	138	898	53	12	7	1	3	1	14	2	3		2	
Grand Total.....	1287	1629	353	37	24	3	19	3	38	2	19	3	13	18

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American Bible Society.		Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.		Woman's Home Missionary Society.		Episcopal Fund.		Total Other Benevolent Collections.		General Conference Expenses.		Conference Claimants.		RECAPITULATION.		
Cash	Voucher.	Cash	Voucher.	Cash	Voucher.	Cash	Voucher.	Cash	Voucher.	Cash	Voucher.	Cash	Voucher.	Total Cash ..	Total Vouchers	Total Cash and Vouchers
														\$15		\$15
														16		16
\$1				\$120										25	\$250	275
						\$4						\$4		8	28	8
														22		50
		\$3		25	5							2		7	5	12
														12	141	153
														12		12
1					2							2		170	60	230
1				49										25		25
1														83	49	132
														5		5
														12	25	37
4				203	11							8		412	558	970
5				11	4							6		92	294	386
1				\$2	4			\$2		\$2		9		5	4	10
														32	198	230
					1									7	51	58
3					3									9		9
														32	50	82
1				28	2							3				
				5	5							1	2	90	45	45
														8	317	407
10	1			2	44	19		2		6	18			267	967	1235
2					3							3		83		83
4						\$6						5		19	82	101
1		\$1		1		5						5		90	13	103
1		1		1										40		40
1		2		2	3							5		69		69
					10			94				10		387	94	481
												5		50		50
2					3							10		83	225	308
					1							1		25	8	33
														8		8
2					2							1		38	31	69
														38		38
2																
2					5							7		270	74	350
					5							4		51		51
17		4		4	30	16		94				51		1257	527	1784
4					208	11						8		412	558	970
10	1			2	44	19		2				18		267	968	1235
31	1	4		6	247	60	16	96		6	77			1986	2053	3989

